Legally mandating digital television copyright portection is a BAD
idea. If the MPAA and other "content providers" refuse to provide
high def programming until such laws are passed then so be it let
the format die.
In reality, other content providers will emerge to provide such
programming.
Do we not already have copyright protection laws? It seems
insane to require a product to have built in prior-restraint.

If the idea is so good here, why not mandate electronic controls
on other items where crimes are even more devastating (i.e. cameras
in homes to prevent murder, drug use, rape, etc.)?

It seems to me that the entertainment industry is being given
a superior right over the rest of society.

The broadcasters MUST provide the high quality format in order to
compete with cable, DVD. As with all other "free market"
areas, the solution will develop itself. Governemnt regulation will
lead to stagnation.
These regulations can only help to destroy our high-tech (esp. home
computing) industry. We consumers do not like being controlled any
more than the entertainment industry likes requlations that are
proposed from time to time upon them (like ratings, content
requirements). Look to the early days of the phonograph and
movie industry and don't repeat those mistakes.
Thank you,
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